

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES**

**Call to Order:** By Chairman Ron Stoker, on February 19, 2007 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 152 Capitol.

#### **ROLL CALL**

##### **Members Present:**

Rep. Ron Stoker, Chairman (R)  
Rep. Arlene Becker, Vice Chairman (D)  
Rep. Tom McGillvray, Vice Chairman (R)  
Rep. Mary Caferro (D)  
Rep. Ernie Dutton (R)  
Rep. Julie French (D)  
Rep. Pat Ingraham (R)  
Rep. William J. Jones (R)  
Rep. Krayton Kerns (R)  
Rep. Dave McAlpin (D)  
Rep. Mike Milburn (R)  
Rep. Ken Peterson (R)  
Rep. Michele Reinhart (D)  
Rep. Diane Sands (D)

**Members Excused:** None.

**Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Debbie Carlson, Committee Secretary  
Sue O'Connell, Legislative Branch

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

##### **Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 734, 2/16/2007; HB 713,  
2/14/2007; HB 687, 2/13/2007; HJ  
33, 2/8/2007  
Executive Action: HB 713, HB 687

**HEARING ON HJ 33**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:00:32 Rep. Bill Thomas (D), HD 26, opened the hearing on HJ 33, Study polio.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:02:11 Ann Tuss, Coordinator of Polio Survivors of Montana,  
Great Falls,  
[EXHIBIT\(huh37a01\)](#)

00:05:37 Walt Tuss, Great Falls, Montana  
00:05:55 Anita Tschedder  
00:06:18 Bert Tschedder  
00:06:28 Pat Melby, Montana Medical Association

**Opponents' Testimony:** None.

**Informational Testimony:**

00:07:32 Jane Smiley, Department of Public Health and Human  
Services

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:08:16 Rep. Reinhart  
00:08:29 Ms. Smiley  
00:09:00 Rep. McGillvray  
00:09:19 Ms. Smiley  
00:09:36 Rep. Ingraham  
00:10:17 Rep. Thomas  
00:11:18 Rep. Ingraham  
00:11:43 Rep. Thomas  
00:11:53 Ms. Smiley  
00:12:19 Rep. Ingraham  
00:12:32 Ms. Smiley

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:12:52 Rep. Thomas

**HEARING ON HB 713**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:14:08 Rep. Tom McGillvray (R), HD 50, opened the hearing on  
HB 713, Revise post-adoption services.

**EXHIBIT (huh37a02)**

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:23:57 Moe Wosepka, Executive Director, Montana Catholic  
Conference

**EXHIBIT (huh37a03)**

00:30:56 Rosemary Miller, Executive Director, Catholic Social  
Services of Montana

00:32:32 Bill Driscoll, Attorney, Catholic Social Services of  
Montana

**EXHIBIT (huh37a04)**

**EXHIBIT (huh37a05)**

00:37:58 Olivia Ruitta, Working for Equity and Economic  
Liberation (WEEL)

00:38:58 Rachel Roberts, Montana Family Association, Focus of  
the Family

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:39:38 Kimberly Kradolfer, Member of Adoption Task Force

00:46:00 Tina Rabbitt, Lutheran Social Services of Montana

**Informational Testimony:**

00:49:10 Shirley Brown, Division Administrator, Child and Family  
Services

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:49:56 Rep. Reinhart

00:50:29 Mr. Driscoll

00:50:44 Rep. Reinhart

00:50:51 Mr. Driscoll

00:51:33 Rep. Reinhart

00:51:48 Ms. Kradolfer

00:53:09 Rep. Reinhart

00:53:50 Rep. French

00:54:10 Ms. Miller

00:54:31 Rep. French

00:54:52 Ms. Miller  
00:56:40 Rep. French  
00:57:11 Rep. McGillvray  
00:57:34 Rep. Caferro  
00:57:57 Ms. Brown  
00:58:07 Rep. Caferro  
00:58:19 Ms. Brown  
00:59:49 Rep. Caferro  
01:00:53 Mr. Wosepka  
01:03:14 Rep. Stoker  
01:03:29 Ms. Brown  
01:04:20 Rep. Stoker  
01:04:36 Ms. Brown  
01:05:19 Rep. Stoker  
01:06:38 Ms. Kradolfer

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:07:49 Rep. McGillvray  
[EXHIBIT\(huh37a06\)](#)  
[EXHIBIT\(huh37a07\)](#)

**HEARING ON HB 687**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:14:12 Rep. William Jones (R), HD 9, opened the hearing on HB  
687, Extend age for well child care coverage.  
[EXHIBIT\(huh37a08\)](#)

**Proponents' Testimony:**

01:24:01 JoAnn Dotson, State Health Department  
[EXHIBIT\(huh37a09\)](#)  
01:26:44 Rep. Theresa Henry, Teacher, Community Health  
01:27:29 Joy Bruck, Volunteer Advocate, American Association of  
Retired Persons of Montana  
01:28:33 Mary Dalton, Health Resources Division, Department of  
Health and Human Services  
01:29:31 Olivia Ruitta, WHEEL, Statewide Non-profit Organization

**Opponents' Testimony:**

01:31:56 Mark Burzynski, Vice President, Blue Cross and Blue  
Shield of Montana  
01:36:11 Susan Witte, Vice President and General Counsel,  
Allegiance Health Plan  
01:38:38 Angela Huschka, New West Health Services

01:39:45 Frank Cote, America's Health Insurance Plans

**Informational Testimony:**

01:42:30 Connie Welsh, Department of Administration

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:43:01 Rep. Caferro  
01:43:21 Mr. Burzynski  
01:43:39 Rep. Caferro  
01:44:00 Mr. Burzynski  
01:45:35 Rep. Stoker  
01:45:58 Rep. Caferro  
01:46:11 Mr. Burzynski  
01:47:09 Rep. Caferro  
01:47:39 Rep. Stoker  
01:47:58 Mr. Burzynski  
01:48:30 Rep. McAlpin  
01:48:52 Rep. Jones  
01:49:15 Rep. McAlpin  
01:49:25 Ms. Welsh  
01:50:51 Rep. Caferro  
01:51:30 Ms. Huschka  
01:52:11 Rep. Stoker  
01:52:27 Ms. Witte  
01:52:37 Rep. Dutton  
01:53:58 Mr. Cote

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:56:52 Rep. Jones

**HEARING ON HB 734**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

02:01:37 Rep. Dave McAlpin (D), HD 94, opened the hearing on HB 734, Critical funding for community mental health.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

02:03:53 Thomas Peluso, Bozeman, Montana

**EXHIBIT(huh37a10)**

02:11:54 Mike McLaughlin, Director, Center for Mental Health  
02:16:10 Tracy Vasquez, Mental Health Services Providers  
02:18:24 Dr. Gary Mihelish,

02:19:28 Anita Roessman, Montana Advocacy Program

[EXHIBIT\(huh37a11\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(huh37a12\)](#)

02:25:18 Kathy McGowan, Montana County Attorney's Association,  
Montana Sheriff's and Peace Officer's Association

02:28:53 Mr. Peluso

02:29:21 Curt Chisolm, National Alliance Of State Mental Health  
Institution

**Opponents' Testimony:** None.

**Informational Testimony:**

02:31:58 Lou Thompson, Chief of Mental Health Bureau

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

02:32:26 Rep. Reinhart

02:32:57 Ms. Roessman

02:35:37 Rep. Ingraham

02:36:10 Ms. Roessman

02:38:49 Rep. Reinhart

02:38:55 Ms. Thompson

02:42:34 Rep. French

02:43:05 Ms. Roessman

02:43:30 Rep. French

02:43:43 Ms. Roessman

02:45:31 Rep. Milburn

02:45:58 Ms. Roessman

02:49:52 Rep. Stoker

02:50:42 Ms. Roessman

02:50:51 Rep. Stoker

02:50:56 Ms. Roessman

02:54:08 Rep. French

**Closing by Sponsor:**

02:54:36 Rep. McAlpin

02:55:25 Rep. Stoker

02:58:05 Sue O'Connell

02:58:34 Rep Stoker

03:00:21 Rep. Sands

03:00:46 BREAK

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 713**

03:09:24 **Motion:** Rep. McGillvray moved that HB 713 **DO PASS**.

**Discussion:**

03:09:46 Rep. Peterson

03:10:39 Rep. Sands

03:11:34 Rep. Dutton

03:13:14 Rep. Reinhart

03:13:19 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Dutton moved **TO AMEND** HB 713 with a conceptual amendment. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**Discussion:**

03:14:09 Rep. McAlpin

03:14:14 Rep. French

03:15:26 Rep. Reinhart

03:17:36 Rep. Peterson

03:17:57 Ms. O'Connell

03:18:13 Rep. French

03:18:51 Rep. McGillvray

03:20:04 Rep. Reinhart

03:20:16 Rep. Sands

03:22:00 **Vote:** Motion HB 713 **DO PASS AS AMENDED** carried 13-1 by roll call vote with Rep. Peterson voting no.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 687**

03:23:33 **Motion:** Rep. Jones moved that HB 687 **DO PASS**.

03:23:38 Rep. McAlpin

03:24:07 **Motion:** Rep. Jones moved **TO AMEND** HB 687.

**Discussion:**

03:25:10 Ms. O'Connell

03:25:59 Rep. Dutton

03:26:08 Ms. O'Connell

03:26:29 Rep. Stoker

03:26:54 Ms. O'Connell

03:27:19 Rep. Stoker

03:28:02 Rep. Reinhart

03:28:20 Ms. O'Connell

03:28:54 **Vote:** Motion on amendment carried with Rep. McGillvray and Rep. Stoker voting no.

03:29:29 **Motion:** Rep. McGillvray moved HB 687 **DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

03:30:11 Rep. Peterson

03:30:47 Rep. Jones

03:32:13 Rep. Milburn

03:33:47 Rep. Reinhart

03:34:37 **Vote:** Motion on HB 687 failed 7-7 by roll call vote with Reps. Becker, French, Sands, Caferro, Jones, Reinhart and McAlpin voting aye.



**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 7:00 P.M.

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REP. RON STOKER, Chairman

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DEBBIE CARLSON, Secretary

RS/dc

Additional Exhibits:

**EXHIBIT ([huh37aad.pdf](#))**